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COMMUNITY NOTICE: Training for Low-flying aircraft, 500-pound training munitions and Mine Clearing Line Charge detonation scheduled on Fort Benning through Dec. 17th

FORT BENNING, Ga. – As part of a joint training collaboration with the Air Force, quarterly proficiency training of close air support operations will take place in the northeast quadrant of post tonight through Dec 18. Low-flying aircraft will fire 2.75 rockets Dec 1-4. Low-flying aircraft will drop 500-pound class training munitions on Dec. 8-10, and Dec 15-18.

Community members should expect to hear noise from the fast-moving, low-flying aircraft and the use of 2.75 rockets and 500-pound class bombs during evening hours between 4 and 10 p.m. In addition, citizens may see flare signatures over the course of the training.

The 500-pound bombs are training munitions that sound similar to the artillery fire that typically occurs on post. Flares are a type of pyrotechnic that produces a brilliant light or intense heat without an explosion. They are used for signaling, illumination or defensive countermeasures.

Additionally, the annual Mine Clearing Line Charge (MICLIC) will take place Dec. 3 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. with two scheduled detonations. Community members should expect to hear a large sonic boom.

These operations are used to produce the invaluable and un-simulated training that Fort Benning's tenant units need to keep their highly honed combat skills sharp.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office. You may also visit the Smoke and Sound website at: <https://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/smokeandsound/> for maps and other information on training.

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